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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NORDIC RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

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1. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO RAISE WITH HOST GOVERNMENT AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL, U. S. VIEWS AS EXPRESSED REFTEL REGARDING RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA.

2. IN ADDITION, YOU SHOULD UNDERLINE OUR SPECIFIC HOPE THAT THE FORTHCOMING NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING COULD AVOID ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF A JOINT DECISION IN PRIN-
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CIPLE TO RECOGNIZE THE PYONGYANG GOVERNMENT, (PERHAPS
LIMITING REFERENCE IN COMMUNIQUE TO STATEMENT THAT RECOG-
NITION OF NORTH KOREA WAS DISCUSSED, AS INDICATED OSLO' S
1059). AT POSTS' DISCRETION, YOU MIGHT ADD THAT SHOULD
SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT BE UNAVOIDABLE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT
OSLO AND REYKJAVIK COULD DELAY TAKING ANY ACTION TO IMPE-
MENT THE DECISION AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THIS YEAR' S UNGA.

3. FOR OSLO: YOUR 1059 CONTAINS HOPEFUL INDICATION THAT
NORWAY NOT ABOUT TO STAMPEDE AND ACCORDINGLY MAY BE PRE-
PARED TO CONSIDER NEED FOR EVEN- HANDED CONSIDERATION OF
RECOGNITION QUESTION. KOREA COUNTRY DIRECTOR RANARD MADE
SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS TO THOSE IN REFTEL TO NORWEGIAN
EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY ALVEGARD WHO CAME IN FOR DISCUSSION
ON KOREAN DEVELOPMENTS, MARCH 22.

4. FOR REYKJAVIK: SO FAR WE UNAWARE INTENTIONS OF ICE-
LAND ON THIS ISSUE. BEARING IN MIND ICELAND' S MORE CON-
SERVATIVE REACTIONS TO NORTH KOREANS, AS WELL AS PREVIOUS
STEADFAST VIEWS ON KOREAN ISSUE, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
YOUR ASSESSMENT AS TO LIKELIHOOD ICELAND TAKING DETACHED
POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AT NORDIC FORMIN MEETING.

5. FOR COPENHAGEN: AMBASSADOR BARTEL APPEARED IMPRESSED
WITH LOGIC OF ARGUMENTATION PROVIDED BY GREEN IN REFTEL.
WHILE WE AWARE OF DENMARK' S DETERMINATION TO MOVE AHEAD
IN PRINCIPLE, YOU MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP TO SEE WHETHER
DENMARK MAY BE PREPARED TO SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS OF ACTUAL
RECOGNITION WHILE FURTHER ASSESSING DEVELOPMENTS ON KOREAN
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